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- The number of persons unemployed during February in the Russian zone is given in the table below. For comparison, estimated figures for January are also given.

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>January</u> <u>(approximate)</u>
Brandenburg	11,556	26,685	38,241	32,000
Mecklenburg	8,025	24,317	32,342	28,000
Saxony	14,836	55,342	70,178	48,000
Saxony-Anhalt	18,297	38,316	56,613	47,000
Thuringia	10,151	21,667	31,818	23,000
Russian zone	62,865	166,327	229,192	178,500

These figures do not include those who are not working because they are completely and permanently incapacitated (numbering 124,422 in February).

- The figures given above include the following numbers of "resettlers" and persons under 18 years of age who are able to work but were unemployed during February:

	<u>Resettlers</u>	<u>Under 18</u>
Brandenburg	9,494	12,362
Mecklenburg	17,369	11,326
Saxony	19,756	13,252
Saxony-Anhalt	18,062	23,450
Thuringia	10,686	10,825
Russian zone	75,367	71,215

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3. Jobs open and jobs filled are listed as follows:

	Jobs open		Jobs filled	
	January	February	January	February
Brandenburg	6,668	6,812	641	246
Mecklenburg	5,697	6,236	325	343
Saxony	14,734	15,964	120	54
Saxony-Anhalt	13,930	12,383	66	39
Thuringia	11,668	11,000	50	1
Russian zone	52,697	52,395	1,202	683

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